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Money Matters

Tuition tops inflation for record tenth straight year

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For the tenth year in a row, college tuition has risen faster than the rate of inflation, the College Board reported Sept. 27.

Students, moreover, can expect tuition to keep rising faster than other prices into the foreseeable future; other sources say.

"This year's college undergraduates are paying an average of 5 to 8 percent more for tuition and fees over last year, depending upon the type of institution they attend," the organization's annual national accounting of campus prices stated.

By contrast the Consumer Price Index, the federal government's barometer of how much Americans pay for everything from food to gas to housing, rose by 4.5 percent from 1989 to 1990.

The College Board, a New York-based nonprofit group best known as the overseer of standardized admission tests, blamed declining state funding for the price hikes at most public campuses.

In late September, for example, many Virginia public campuses added emergency tuition "surcharges" to help them make up for a drastic cut in state education funding.

The College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia want to add 5 percent and 10 percent surcharges, respectively, to already-announced tuition hikes.

California state campuses, facing similar cuts, may increase registration fees by 10 percent next year, even after trying to save money this year by canceling course sections and laying off employees.

Enrollment declines also left many schools with fewer students around to pay them tuition.

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By Debi Carr
el Don Staff Writer

ORANGE - Community leader and RSCCD Trustee Rodolfo Montejano was once again the center of political controversy Tuesday when an RSC student organization called for the Santa Ana attorney's resignation because of an ongoing investigation by the County grand jury for alleged political wrongdoing.

In a prepared statement Veronica Garza speaking on behalf of RSC's chapter of MEChA, said "We as members of MEChA, are very

concerned with the damage Mr. Montejano has visited upon the District and the negative image he has created for the student body.

"We as Chicano students realize the negative impact Mr. Montejano has had and is having on the Chicano/Mexicano community. His attitude that nothing is wrong reinforces racism and divides the White community from the Brown community," she said.

Garza added, "We the Chicano/Mexicano community will not accept or allow you to re-appoint Hector Godinez. We will not allow you to resurrect political miscar-

riages of the Santiago Club."

Montejano, who was present at the meeting, retorted that MEChA had not thoroughly contemplated their position and had no basis for asking him to resign.

"You as students should learn to base arguments on conclusions on facts instead of innuendos and rumors. Hopefully, you will learn and contribute to this community as I and many others have," Montejano said.

Ray Lopez and Jorge Ruiz, members of MEChA, said that MEChA has never approved of Please see, TRUSTEE Page 2



RSC Trustee Rodolfo Montejano asked to resign for second time.

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When California voters approved the Lottery Act in 1984 it was under the premise that our schools would win too. After all, the campaign in favor of the initiative used that as its campaign slogan. But have they?

One of the main reasons the Lottery initiative was able to pass was the appeal to voters to support education. However, according to William L. Rukeyser, Special Assistant to Bill Honig, Superintendent of Public Instruction, "The way it was set up was deceptive and conse-

quently people were misled." Indeed, Rukeyser explained that education was used as a vote getting device because it had been targeted as a hot button item to voters.

The Lottery Act is quite explicit concerning the purpose of the lottery: to provide non-tax generated funding to supplement the public education budget. The key word here is supplement, not replace existing sources of funding.

According to Rukeyser, there is "definite supplanting taking place."

Honig has been opposed to the

lottery initiative from its inception, believing that it would never be the "icing on the cake" for education that its promoters promised. Experience in the initial years has "proven him right" in that the money given to education by the lottery would encourage the governor and Legislature to provide less from other sources," he added.

Indeed, it was not until 1988 when Proposition 98 passed and education was guaranteed a fixed percentage (40%) of total State Please see, LOTTERY Page 4

Honors courses making good first impression

By Laura LeDoux
el Don Staff Writer

One of the newest additions to RSC's curriculum this semester is the implementation of Honors courses to a number of general education subjects and so far, the change is being seemingly well-received.

Although Honors Seminar courses have been offered in the past, this is the first semester that this program extends into the general education classes and the honor's instructors are hoping that they will provide students with an accelerated level of challenge.

Currently, there are three honors courses being offered this semester: English 101H, Astronomy 110H and Philosophy 106H.

The instructors share similar outlooks on the Honors Program. All of them seem to agree that the smaller classes allow for more discussion and provide the students with an opportunity to express their views openly.

According to Robert Putman, honors philosophy instructor, he's not going into the courses expecting more out of the students Please see, HONORS Page 5

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Death is not the greatest loss in life. The greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live. The unbearable tragedy is to live without dignity or sensitivity.

- Norman Cousins

The practice of euthanasia is nearly as old as civilization itself and has been plagued with negative stigmas and moral dilemmas for more than 1500 years.

As Christians, Jews and philosophers have argued the coming of the Lord, so have they argued over the practice of euthanasia making this subject one of the most controversial political, social and religious issues of all time.

Opponents of euthanasia view this means to an end as suicide or self-murder which is a violation of the sixth commandment "Thou shalt

not kill." God is the giver and taker of life.

Advocates view it as a "well death," meaning that the victim has at least some control over his own demise.

Right to die groups began an aggressive stand with the writing and passing of bills to protect terminal patients nearly as fast as science discovered ways to prolong life; whether beneficial to the patient or not.

The premise behind the right to die is to end undue suffering by otherwise hopeless victims of terminal illness.

Derek Humphry and Ann Wicket, husband and wife and co-founders of one right to die group, the Hemlock Society have been aiding people who seek information on euthanasia since 1978. There were

biological malfunctions or irreversible incapacitation.

Humphry has spent the last 11 years attempting to pass bills that would legally allow voluntary active euthanasia on otherwise hopeless patients. A sister group of the Hemlock Society, called Americans Against Human Suffering, based in Glendale, Calif., has been pushing to pass a bill called The Humane and Dignified Death Act in all 50 states, which would allow physicians to legally help their dying patients upon written request.

Hemlock and other right to die groups have successfully passed bills in 38 states that allow terminal patients to refuse treatment or life support, which is called the Living Will. The will is a request from the patient to be allowed to die.

But efforts to pass bills which

would enable physicians to participate in mercy killing have been slow going, partly to a fear that families may wish to rid themselves of the burden of caring for a loved one who might stand a chance of recovery.

According to an article published in USA Today, Humphry wrote that judging from leaks to him by doctors and families, physician aid in dying was quite extensive. He cited that the New England Journal of Medicine had published an article stating that doctors were ethically correct in assisting the suicide of terminally ill patients in certain circumstances.

Many patients seek only the reassurance that they have a way out if things get too painful and Please see, HEMLOCK Page 5

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Montejano or the Santiago Club. Lopez said that "They [Santiago Club] represent themselves under the pretense of serving the community." Lopez and Ruiz contend that most of the Chicano and Mexican community is unaware of the Santiago Club, which is designed specifically to serve them.

Ruiz stated that the idea to call for Montejano's resignation was brought before MEChA by Garza, who presented the members with her speech. After hearing her views the club decided to pledge their support.

According to Ruiz an RSC faculty member helped Garza re-write portions of her speech. He said that she had written one herself, but the faculty member had changed it.

Trustee Shirley Ralston thinks that much of the scandal and Grand Jury investigation were politically motivated by people on the RSC campus, and that some of them have an interest in the election.

"I was threatened to be taken down with Montejano by these same people," said Ralston. "That's why I spoke up for myself at the Board meeting in September."

Ralston said, "This is the first time I have ever experienced such a negative campaign for someone who wants to be on our board."

She thinks that Garza is "very poised and a fine young lady," but feels that politics have taken Garza and MEChA away from their education and outreach to the community. Ralston thinks that Garza was being used.

"Mentioning Godinez by

name was a clear give-away that someone else wrote that speech," Ralston said. She added that Godinez had only been mentioned within the Trustees presence. She later heard comments by some Trustees and audience members, who said they also thought Garza's speech had been written by someone else.

Ralston said, "Hector (Godinez) and Rudy (Montejano) have led the way for Veronica to be able to speak freely. The Latino community should aspire to go into the community and do what they have done."

She went on to say, "I have served on the same board with Mr. Montejano for nine years and I have the highest regard for his personal integrity."

Ray Giles, executive assistant to the RSC's Chancellor, said "Rudy [Montejano] over the past 20 years, has been this city's strongest proponent for educational opportunities for Hispanic students through service on the Santa Ana Unified Board, RSC's Board and literally tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships that he has raised through the Santiago Club."

"It's obvious that she [Garza] is being used by certain people who for political reasons are out to attack the college and Board," he said. Giles added, "Unfortunately, I suspect that some of those people are well known to us on campus."

But Giles adamantly denied that Godinez's name was ever mentioned among Board members. "The Board has a great deal of respect for Hector [Godinez], but we have never discussed the idea of appointing anyone because no one has resigned. Giles said he didn't know why Garza made that statement.

Good Life Good Death

BY DEBI CARR

so many inquiries after the publication of his book *Jean's Way* in which he described helping his terminally ill wife to commit suicide that Humphry felt called upon to create an organization to assist them in 1980.

The Hemlock Society is staunch in the belief that suicide is not to be used by those who are looking for a way out of emotional problems. Suicide is only to be used by adult terminal victims whose tremendous suffering is caused by

efforts to pass bills which

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INTERVIEW

David Dobos

■ **With responsibilities ranging from discipline to transportation David Dobos must prove weekly that he is RSC's Jack of All Trades.**

By Laura LeDoux
el Don Staff Writer

Dean of Students Dave Dobos has been involved educating students at RSC for 18 years. His stay at the college began in 1973 when he served as an instructor in Sociology and Psychology. He was then appointed assistant athletic director and assistant dean of Physical Education in 1982. In 1987 Dobos was took over the position of Dean of Students and Community Services. He is a graduate of San Diego State University with a degree in Social Psychology.

Dobos took some time to speak to the el Don about his background, experience and plans for the upcoming year.

Q. Define your position.

A. It's hard at anytime to say what proportion of my time is spent in any given area. I support Extended Opportunities and Programs(EOPS) and there's a director there... It's similar to financial aid, in that many of the things they do are financial.

Some of my duties include supervising facilities, vehicles, student government/activities, community services and discipline.

At certain times of the year, like at the first part of fall, the first six or eight weeks, we have lots of issues in discipline.

Discipline has to do with setting limits, and the discipline part of my job takes up a lot of time because it's high maintenance. You don't just simply explain something to somebody or scold somebody. You try to manage behavior of someone who doesn't recognize or refuses to recognize limits.

Last year we had, in the Spring, 41,152 students for the whole district. (This year) we have less than a fraction of one part of one percent that ever give us a problem and the problems we get usually are people who have special needs and that's a generic term.

We have estimates between 500 and 1,200 people who have special needs. That's a big part of it. I'm really trying to answer the question as far as all of the things I do. But the discipline part is unique.

I don't think there is any other position on campus that if someone calls that I have to go. My job is to help students cope with life here on campus. We have a tremendous support staff. We have a student mental health committee that works very closely with the health center and with Orange County Mental Health, and with county rehabilitation. We have a tremendous network here to help people who have special needs. We try to be as many things for as many people as we can. But we can't be all things for all people.

Sometimes you have to say "This isn't the place for you. You need to go somewhere and get your life in order and then 'welcome back'."

Q. Have you noticed a change in students over the years?

A. There are some things that are demographic reality. One of them is that we have an increasingly large Hispanic population, because of immigration and natural reproduction and the Santa Ana High School district which is 80-90 percent Latino now. In the late '70s we began to get a lot of Asians, basically due to the political situations. As the larger proportion of our district comes from Santa Ana, we are going to have an increasingly large Hispanic population here.

In addition, I noticed that in the mid-70s we had a lot of GI's returning on the GI Bill taking classes here. Over the years, the course of 18 years, I've seen fluctuations. Fluctuations in the economy mean that in the vocational areas will have a lot of people back here getting training because they're on marginal jobs, where if they don't get that additional training they'll lose their jobs.

I was teaching Sociology and a large percentage of those classes are female. We had a really large amount of women in their late '20s early '30s. They had married and their kids were grown up enough that they could return to school.

As far as the population in the last five years, I've noticed a lot of things.

There are two things I've noticed most. The positive strain is I've noticed an increasingly large number of our students seem to have greater pride in being here.

Our involvement in the community has helped to raise our image. Over the last couple years I've noticed people wearing t-shirts and carrying things with the school's name on them. A lot of people feel really good about being here. We

have good athletic and fine arts programs.

In our special programs, we probably have the best Fire Tech program in the country, certainly the best in the state. The negative strain or the challenge, I think, is that by state law our population is going to be changing because we are going to have to offer programs and services for people with psychological disabilities. As psychological services and health care services on the outside decline, more and more of the community will be coming to this campus for their needs.

Q. How do you feel about student awareness and participation in activities?

A. That is one of the saddest things about community college at large. They did not draw a large crowd at all. One of the biggest problems I had as assistant dean of athletics was the lack of participation and support in athletic events. But the same is true if you talk about other activities. We get a tiny percentage of our student body to vote in elections. When I say tiny, I mean like five percent of our population to vote in elections.

Q. What have you done to increase student participation?

A. What we've tried to do is increase enthusiasm and participation. It takes a lot of work. We do try to do things to increase involvement. We try to

publicize things as much as possible. A few years ago we tried a student town hall meeting. We modeled it closely to the city town hall meetings. It was just for students. We offered refreshments. We tried it for a whole year but it became too expensive.

Q. What is your goal for the school?

A. To make the weaknesses less glaring and the strengths a little more apparent. The reason I got into education is because I think educators are people who deal with others' strengths. In terms of counseling, rehabilitation and remedial work, you take a person's weaknesses and making those stronger. In education, people choose majors on the basis of their aptitude or feeling about their strengths or their preferences. You take a person's strengths and try to accent those.

I think dealing with people's strengths is a wonderful way to make a living. What I hope happens, on a personal level, is that I can continue to do that. Specifically what I'd like to see happen is that for student government to have very strong leadership that would take risks and would become involved and remain very enthusiastic. Everything in student government is co-curricular. Your grades and classes come first. So I can only push so hard saying that we want you to do this and that because everyone has to work with the available time that they have.

I would love to see greater participation. My greatest wish is that we would have more participation. My greatest regret is our lack of participation. Students and faculty are both spread very thin.

Q. How do you feel about the future of the school?

A. I see very positive things happening. I'm hopeful that we keep students at the focus of what we do. As people become increasingly involved in governance issues, they realize the things that we're here for: to help students, develop new curriculum, provide support students for those with special needs, provide the transfer function, to help high school students learn what they need to know when they come. That is a mammoth undertaking. There are things which can distract us. I hope that elections and governance issues don't take a disproportionate amount of time away from what we're doing here. I recognize those things are important.

I hope that all parties involved in any political controversies in elections and decision-making on this campus can keep in mind that the primary focus we have is students. If too much time is taken away from the time we should be spending with students, I'm not sure we're fulfilling our promise to the community.





David Stern/ el Don Photo

A reminder of the hundreds of years when bears and mountain lions roamed the ridges and canyons ... unafraid, and vultures soared unmolested" - a description of the Santa Ana mountains from "Shadows of Old Saddleback" by Terry E. Stephenson.

SANTA ANA - Orange County, seemingly an endless string of new homes, condos and communities, has a very different side that includes rugged mountains, spacious parks and acres of wilderness.

The best places to go for outdoor recreation in O.C. are the regional parks. In Santa Ana Canyon and the neighboring canyon systems of the Santa Ana mountains there are four major parks offering a wide variety of activities and an abundance of acreage to do them in.

The Santa Ana mountain range itself covers about 35 miles, stretching from the Santa Ana river on the north to San Diego county on the south.

Perhaps the most popular and recognizable mountain in the range is Saddleback.

In the shadows of Saddleback lie canyons that were once populated only by mountain lions and grizzly bears. Now, these same canyons are filled with "planned communities" of stucco homes, golf courses, trees planted every few hundred feet, and Young Upwardly Mobile families rearing their 2.3

Gardens of Eden in Our Own Back Yard

BY KATHY GRAVES

kids and a dog named Max.

It is among these communities that one may find the last remaining remnants of the wilderness area that the Santa Ana mountains once were.

The first of these is Featherly Regional Park, located at 24001 Santa Ana Canyon Rd. on the eastern border of Orange and Anaheim. The park compromises 720 acres of rolling hills, trees, and the Santa Ana River.

Unfortunately, the nature trails that once wound through parts of the park have been the victims of arson and are burned out this year.

Featherly also offers baseball diamonds, bicycle trails and restrooms.

Located near the park is the Green River Riding Academy where horses can be rented to ride through wooded trails.

Irvine Regional Park, located at 21501 Chapman Ave. in northeastern Orange, offers perhaps one of the widest varieties of activities for adults and children to participate in.

Irvine offers the common amenities of a park; picnic areas, bar-b-ques, baseball fields,

a children's play ground, and restrooms. But it also offers the more uncommon, such as a petting zoo, a small lake with ducks and paddle boats, rental horses for adults, and pony rides for kids.

The park is over 400 acres and has well maintained nature trails for day hikes and bird watching. It is a very well cared for woodland area that can help one to escape the mundaneness of day to day life.

O'Neill Regional Park is located at 30892 Trabuco Canyon Rd. in Trabuco Canyon in the center of the rapidly developing Marguerite Parkway/Coto de Caza areas.

O'Neill is a large park covering 1900 acres, and is mostly dedicated to camping and day hiking. It does offer baseball fields, picnic areas, and restrooms; but most of its area is for camping.

Fires are allowed in fire rings only and no bikes are allowed off the paved road. Trails are well maintained and are excellent for bird watching and hiking into the mountains.

The largest park in the county is the 7600 acre Caspers Wilderness Park located at

33401 Ortega Hwy. at the base of the Santa Ana mountains in San Juan Capistrano.

Since it is a wilderness area, this park is governed by different rules and regulations. It does have restrooms, a play area for kids, and guided nature walks on weekends; but otherwise, it is strictly a wilderness area.

To camp in the wilderness areas, one must be at least 18 years of age and have a wilderness permit, which can be obtained from the ranger's station. Bar-b-que pits are located in most of the camping areas and may be used for charcoal fires only, no wood fires are allowed within the park. Alcoholic beverages are also not allowed in the park.

Many of the trails are maintained for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding.

The park is bordered by the Cleveland National Forest and the Santa Ana mountains; it is also adjacent to the San Juan Hot Springs, which are located just outside of the north-east corner of the park.

The Parks and Recreation Administration of Orange County has more information on these and many other parks and outdoor activities. For further information, they can be reached at: 848-1566.

They also offer instructional and interpretive walks through the mountains and the coastal tidal flats for students of all ages to learn more about their environment, the biology that makes it up, and how to preserve and protect what is left of it.

LOTTERY:

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revenues that the problem was corrected. "Proposition 98 was the first time the legal definition of fair share of tax revenue was defined" said Rukeyser.

Because of the initial misconception caused by Lottery officials about how the money would help schools, there is still the impression that the money is a substantial amount. Actually, the amount is

between 3 and 4 percent of the overall budget, according to Honig's office.

How the Lottery funds are spent is up to local school boards and governing bodies of colleges and universities. Some schools have been able to put the money to better use than others. For example, Modesto City Schools has a policy of not using Lottery funds for teachers' salaries.

Instead, they started an Art Appreciation program that "exposes the students to every facet of the arts from dance, to music to theatre," according to the Superintendent's office.

The Lottery Act specifies that sales proceeds are as follows: 50% is for the players as prizes, a minimum of 34% is to go to public education and a maximum of 16% is for retailer commissions and administrative costs. However, the Lottery exceeded the minimum in 1986 with 39% to education; in 1987, 36%; in 1988, 38%; and in 1989, 39%.

The Lottery even became an issue in the debate between Gubernatorial candidates Dianne Feinstein and Pete Wilson on October 7. Feinstein expressed strong doubts about the Lottery's effectiveness

and recommended a higher percentage (50%) go to education and less to prize money. Wilson was skeptical because he felt that lowering the prize amounts would decrease sales.

Rancho Santiago College received \$3.7 million last year according to Stephen Garcia, vice-chancellor for finance. This year the amount is less, \$3.3 million because sales are down. "It has been a help but there are limitations on how the money can be spent, and the money is unpredictable," Garcia said.

The Lottery Act does state that funds may be used for any instructional purpose with the only prohibitions being that they cannot be used for the purchase or construction of facilities or for the funding of research. This has not been a

problem at RSC at the present time, says Garcia, but he would have preferred to not have the restriction because it makes it more difficult "if you have an immediate need and can't use the money for it."

The Lottery has also been controversial because of the fact that gambling money is being used to finance our schools. In the same interview with the Times, Honig is quoted as saying: "We are certainly appreciative of the money but I'm just uncomfortable encouraging people to gamble," he said. "There's a philosophical problem. Here we're trying to tell kids work hard, study hard, make the long, slow effort to learn and it will pay off. And then we have advertising on television that says play the lottery and lightning will strike."

TUITION:

■ College tuition has been tipping the inflation scales for nearly a decade and there are no signs of it slowing.

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"All types of colleges and universities were affected by a decline in the number of traditional students," noted the College Board report.

Troubles At 'Mid-Echelon' Campuses

Private campuses generally had to raise their prices to cover the costs of higher faculty salaries and maintaining buildings.

Students at "middle echelon" private campuses tended to suffer the biggest price hikes of all this year, added Arthur Hauptman, a consultant to the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

For example, University of Puget Sound students are paying \$1,120, or 10.9 percent, more in tuition this year than in 1989-90.

"We held a protest," said Lisa Larson of the Washington school's student government.

"When you come to this university, they don't tell you to expect a 10.9 percent increase every year. The rate of financial aid doesn't increase" to cover the extra expense, Larson maintained.

Puget Sound President Philip

M. Pibbs said the extra money, which adds up to \$3.3 million, would pay for faculty salaries, improved services and increased student aid.

"We want to be in a competitive position in the 1990s," he explained.

Campuses as diverse as Jacksonville State, Temple, Penn State, Michigan State and Harvard universities, the universities of Utah and Tennessee, and Madisonville (Ky.) and Tyler (Texas) community colleges cited similar reasons for raising their prices this year.

Yet the benefits are not always obvious to students.

While Puget Sound's Larson agreed some of her professors deserve to be paid more, "it's disappointing when I have professors that aren't worth (the increase)."

Back-door Hikes

The few campuses that did not impose hikes this year say they may lose faculty members who, living on modest salaries, could opt for higher-paying jobs at other schools or in private industry.

A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT STUDENTS ARE PAYING

(CPS) - Four-year private campuses tended to impose the steepest tuition price hikes for the 1990-91 school year, the College Board found in its annual accounting of what students pay for higher education. Among the other conclusions:

Two-year public colleges: Tuition and fees average \$884, a 5 percent increase over 1989-90.

Two-year private colleges: Students this year are paying an average of \$5,003, 8 percent more than the \$4,638 they spent last year.

Four-year public colleges: Tuition and fees this year averaged \$1,809, up 7 percent from the \$1,696 students paid last school year.

Four-year private colleges: Tuition increased, on average, 8 percent to \$9,393, up from the 1989-90 average of \$8,663.

sity," asserted Judith Krebs of the statewide SUNY student association.

More Increases To Come
Students at the University of Buffalo, where tuition did not rise this year, were so angered by a stiff new bus fee that they stormed a campus building in late August.

College prices, Hauptman said, will keep rising.

About the only thing that will keep them from going up faster than the inflation rate, he added, is if the inflation rate itself accelerated.

If there were a huge jump in inflation next year it might be the first year college costs didn't go up faster than the prices of other services, Hauptman said.

But then colleges would probably have to catch up by raising their prices faster, too.

"Typically, college tuition rates tend to lag a year or two behind inflation," he said.

All bets are off, however, if current economic uncertainties bloom into a full-scale recession.

In that instance, states would collect less tax money, and consequently have less to give to their colleges. Short of money, campuses would have little choice but to ask their students to pay more for their classes, Hauptman noted.

He thought that, in a recession, tuition at private colleges would probably remain stable to meet market demands.

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Humphry thinks that a comfortable death should be their own prerogative.

The Hemlock Society boasts 35,000 members and 21 chapters in eight states according to the Hemlock Quarterly of July, 1987.

Passive euthanasia is the refusal of extraordinary devices such as respirators or ineffective medication that will prolong the inevitable demise of a terminal patient. It is also the refusal of food, water or treatment.

Active euthanasia is as the name implies, actively planning your death and having someone else secure the means with which to assist you in the act. Roswell Gilbert received a 25 year sentence for

shooting his terminally ill wife even though she begged publicly for death.

The majority of Jewish doctrine states that life is sacred and to be preserved at all costs. No acceleration of death is to be tolerated, however, artificially prolonging the life of a terminal patient is optional. Jewish doctrine accepts also the use of cryogenics, because it prolongs life, however it is artificial and therefore not mandated.

Most Christian doctrine allows for passive euthanasia citing that extraordinary means are unnecessary. Many churches are beginning to relax their once staunch views against active euthanasia making it a personal preference because there is little to be said on the

subject of suicide in the Bible.

Picture in your mind a person who has deteriorated immensely over a period of several weeks. They have lost one third of their body weight. They can no longer sit up for themselves. They are in constant almost unbearable pain. Opiates control their pain temporarily making them catatonic but as it wears off they moan and finally begin screaming. They beg for help. They beg to die.

At first, the thought of putting a terminally ill person out of misery is easily conceivable.

Now picture this same person as someone close to you. Could you stand to help them? Could you stand not to help them? This is the conflict in euthanasia. One of these right to die groups is called the Hemlock Society of Los Angeles.

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but hopes that their interest level in the subject will inspire them to excel.

In the honors course the instructors say they do not completely alter their teaching methods but try to increase the overall awareness of the class. They tend to spend less time on fundamentals and try to increase discussion in the class and open the minds of the students.

The size of the classes is conducive to this atmosphere, according to T. Stephen Eastmond, honors astronomy instructor.

"I give less graded homework assignments and try to get the students to do more activities on

their own," said Eastmond.

Some advisers, however, have stated that there may be an elitist connotation that goes along with the term Honors Program. But according to Melinda Womack, faculty director of the honors program, this is not the case.

"The goal of the program is to offer an academic avenue for that particular group of students that are higher achievers academically and want a different style of learning. This program is not at the expense or the exclusion of other programs but it's another program in the total package."

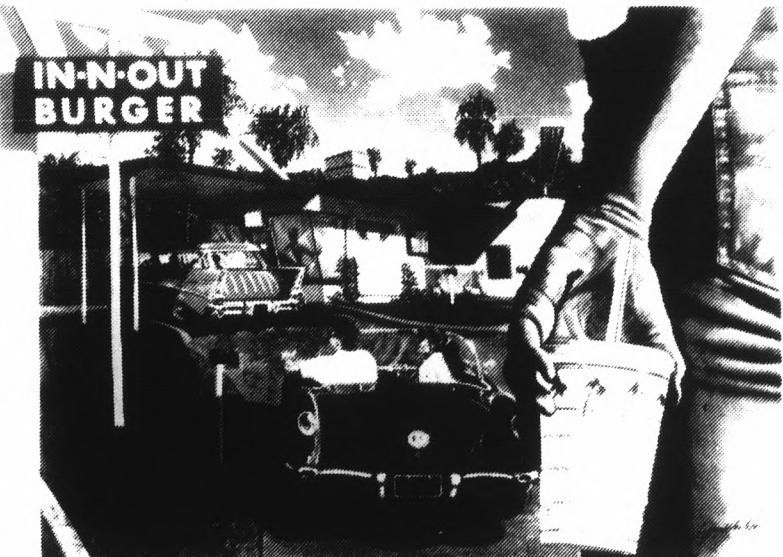
So far, students have responded well to this new program. Two of the classes were filled and one was just under the minimum. According to Womack, she has heard

several good comments from students enrolled in the honors courses. "They have been absolutely delighted. They have felt that the classes can stretch their capacities. They feel more intellectually challenged," said Womack.

For the first semester this is a good indication that the program will continue and Womack said, she feels confident that the program will go on and courses for next semester have already been decided. Among the classes to be offered next semester include: Biology 109H, History 101H and Speech 101H.

Many other community colleges already have similar programs and RSC's addition is an example of the increasing acceptance and approval of these programs.

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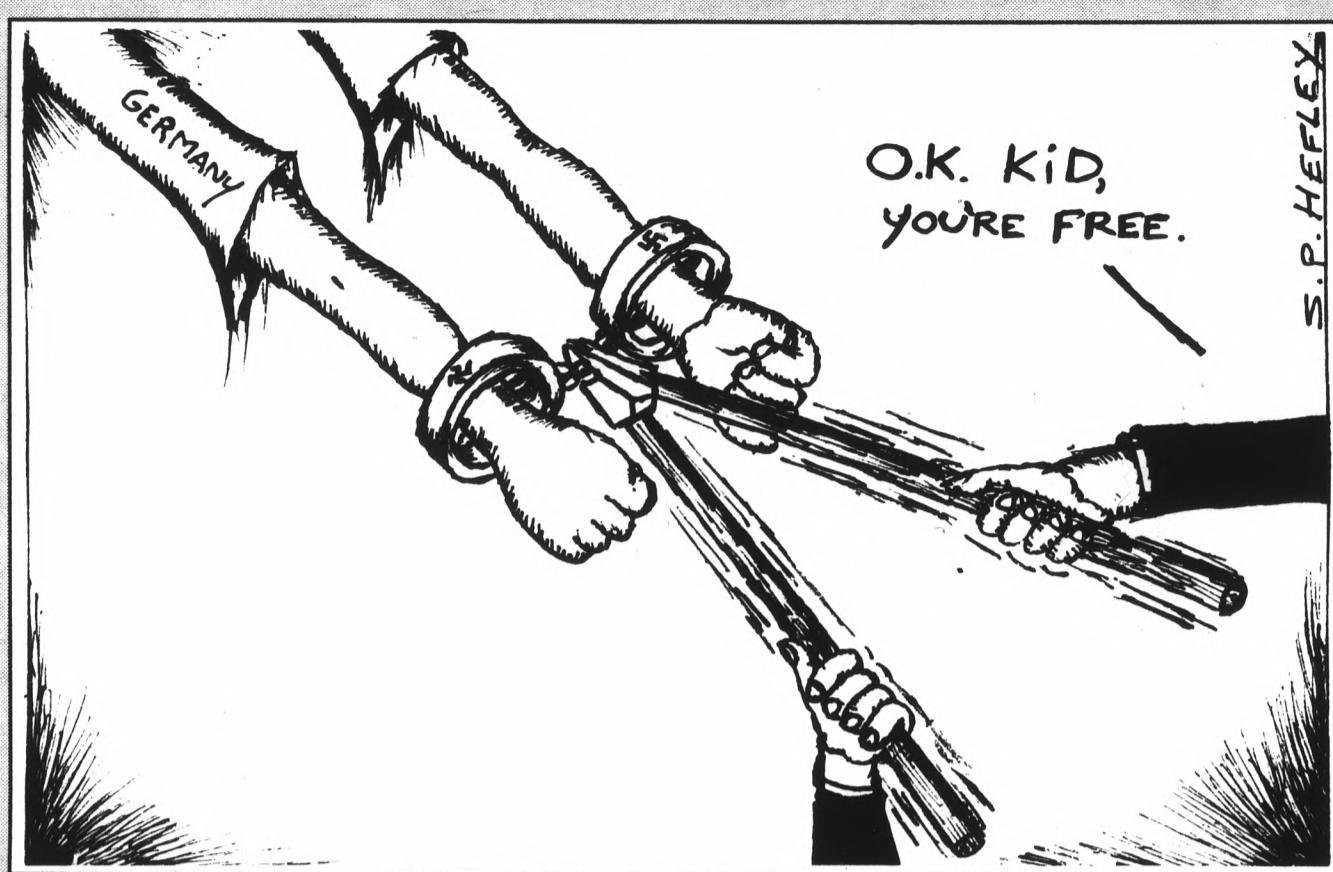
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Editorial

Germany has earned its freedom

In civilized societies, children are not punished for crimes committed by their parents or grandparents.

The Germans were a victim of this philosophy for a long time. After Hitler's army had been defeated, the allies divided up the war torn Reich with the intention of never again allowing the German people to launch another military expedition. They squeezed the Germans dry of any militaristic tendencies.

Germany accepted their punishment and built their nation up from the ashes of ruin to economic prominence on the world scene. To argue Germany should still be in bondage would be

convicting innocent people of crimes committed before their birth. Cries of Nazi resurgence are baseless. There are more neo-Nazi groups in the U.S. than there are in Germany. A John Birch Society member would be under constant public ridicule were he in Germany and former East Germans have horror stories of their own to discourage any communistic rise.

There is no more cause for finger pointing at Germany. They were taught peace and are setting an example for all to learn. Can the rest of the world accept their innocence enough to value their renewed passion? The passion is not Nazism, not Communism, it is now Pacifism.

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Quotes to live by:

"To be modest; to be afraid to imbibe the alcohol of nationalism"

History teacher Harald Krieger's message to Berlin students on the day of German reunification.

Political activism is alive and well

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

-Vesalius In Zante

While the '80s may have been considered the decade of decadent egocentricity the '90s are rapidly earning a reputation as a renaissance for political activism.

We commend the RSC chapter of MEChA for picking up this gauntlet of political and social responsibility and running with it.

This past week MEChA has made their positions clear on a number of intense ethical and political issues facing the entire community and whether we agree with their positions or not they should be lauded for their refusal to be silent.

Apathy is one of the most dangerous and rampant diseases plaguing individuals today and we can only hope that more campus student organizations follow the example set by MEChA and its members.

For too long has the campus at RSC been quieted by a blanket of non-participation and commuter student mentality and it is time that all voices make themselves known.

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Opinion

Will football fans also need helmets?

By Laura LeDoux
el Don Staff Writer

Should portable jails be a necessary part of a football game? For the Los Angeles Coliseum and the Raiders, violence is an every game occurrence. 88 people were evicted during Sunday's game against Chicago for violence and 31 were arrested, six for battery of a police officer. It seems to be an inherent part of the game for the Raider fans to bring contact into the stands instead of leaving it on the field where it belongs.

Trash was thrown at any fan not wearing Raider paraphernalia. Non-Raider fans were spat on, beaten up, antagonized and harassed throughout the game and a woman was punched in the face because her boyfriend was a Bears fan. The Event Staff arrived right away, but did nothing to the man who threw the punch.

Should we not be allowed the freedom of expression at any event? The lack of respect that crowd had for people was appalling. Never have I been to any game with such a low class of people. Would this have happened at a Rams game? Maybe one isolated incident, not

throughout a crowd of 80,156 people.

Should football games be a field day for gangbangers to take out their aggressions on anyone with a differing opinion? If they leave their turf they should leave their violence and anger with it. The Coliseum is a public auditorium governed by public law. Why should we have to put up with gangbangers as enforcers of their own code of law? Apparently the police are not even able to control them. It is impossible to enjoy a game if this is the type of crowd in attendance. If these violent, low-class hoodlums can't even be controlled by the police, how can we feel comfortable? It is impossible.

Eleven people were arrested for being drunk in public. How many were drunk and not caught? It seems alcohol would contribute to violent attitudes. Perhaps the Coliseum should consider changing its beer selling policies.

I am disgusted with the attitudes of the Raiders fans and plan never to support them with my attendance again. If you agree with me, I encourage you to support my boycott.

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Letters

NFL locker room no place for a lady

Most people would agree that an NFL locker room (with at least 30 grown men parading around nude) is no place for a lady.

What about Lisa Olson? On Sunday, Sept. 16, the New England Patriots defeated the Indianapolis Colts. Lisa made her way into the Patriots' locker room as a reporter for the Boston Herald. Considering the circumstances, did she expect

to be treated like a lady?

Regardless, this set off quite a controversy within the New England community as well as our national athletic world. While conducting an interview with one player, another player, Zeke Mowatt, came up to her and apparently made an indecent remark. That specific remark was probably not as offensive as most other ribaldry that most probably occurs in an NFL locker room.

However, Ms. Olson took this incident as an opportunity to

grandstand her reporting ability and gain the attention of the national press. Conventional and expected reasonable behavior might have suggested that she refrain from an interview at this inopportune time; question, too, could be made for her's and her editor's motivation for this action. This mess could have been avoided if signs outside the locker room read something like: LOCKER ROOM. MEN ONLY.

Isn't it strange that the National

Organization for Women is coming to the rescue for Lisa? It was just weeks ago that NOW's leaders (Gloria Allred, Molly Yard, Faye Wadleton, Kate Michelman) at the confirmation hearing of David Souter clamored that the judge came out with bold statements for a constitutional right of privacy. This situation stinks like a dirty locker room!

John Kelly

Romania

Suffer the children

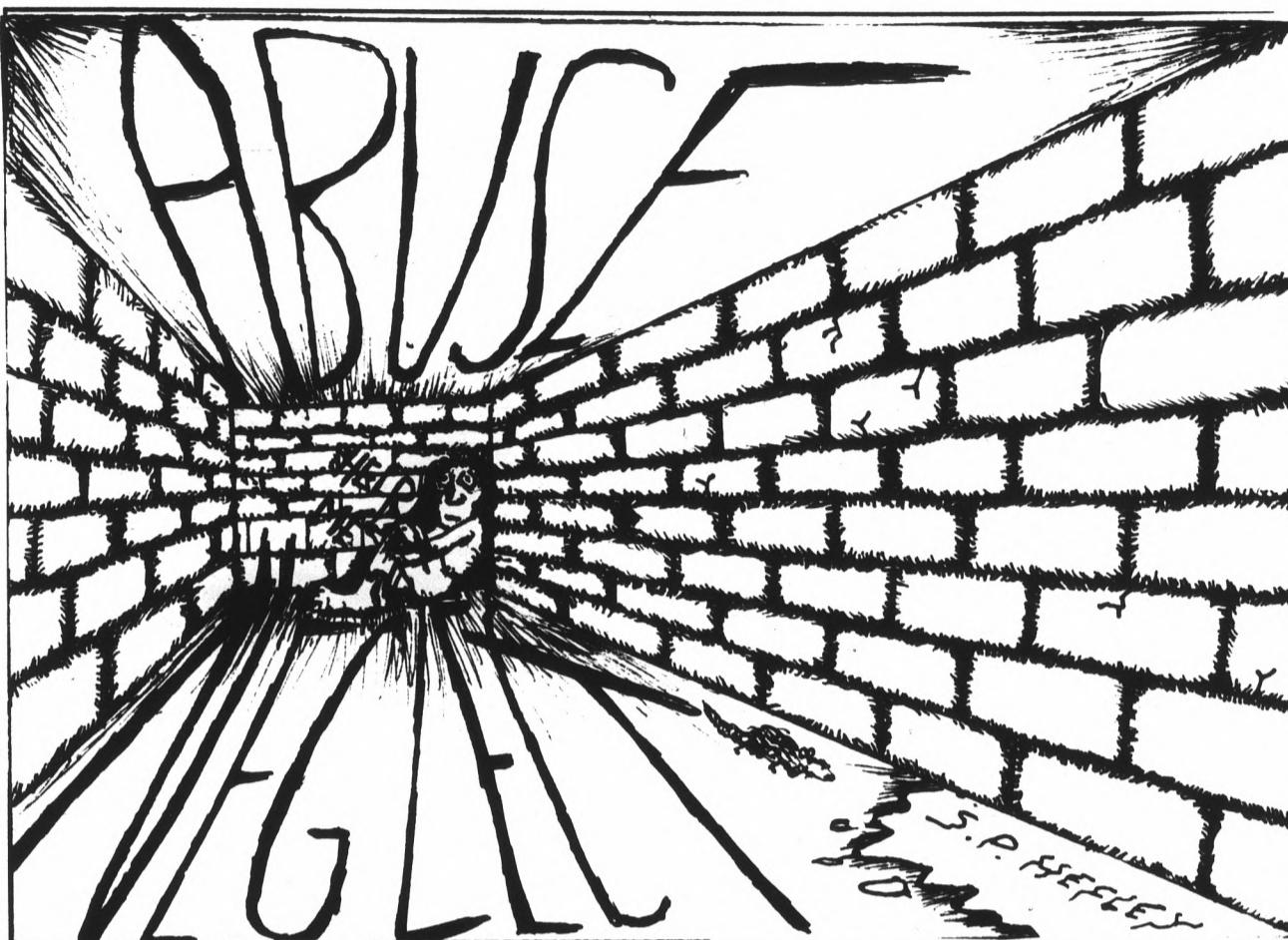
By Gregory Creel
el Don Editor in chief

If any of you readers saw the horror presented on 20/20 last Friday, you probably won't want to read this; I'm going to recount the feature on Romanian orphanages.

I really do not watch much television but, never was I so shocked to see the fate suffered by the post-revolutionary orphans in Romania. In every orphanage visited, new horrors were uncovered. Children were crawling on floors covered with urine and excrement. Others, "fortunate" enough to have a bed were bound with simple ribbons or complex strait jackets. Most of these children are suffering diseases easily cured here. Children in the west, or for that fact in all civilized countries of the world, live close to normal lives with cataracts, anemia and speech impediments. Romanian children die of these conditions.

Many will die of AIDS, others are emotionally wasted. Many can't talk because there is no one who will talk with them. No one is sure exactly sure of the number of children in the orphanages, not even the Romanian government. One unofficial estimate ranges up to 120,000, others exceed that.

The unwanted or "undesirable" children of Romania are herded into the guarded barbed wire prisons certain to face irreparable physical or psychological turmoil if not death. There are 400 such institutions spread through out the country in towns of all sizes. The people of these towns know of the entry forbidden death camps but, don't pay much attention. The children's screams escape the dungeons but, nothing is done. The people look away. They have suffered under 25 years of Ceausescu's dictatorship and want no part of it.



Each room is packed with as many children as possible, some are so out of it they're doubled over, oblivious to their surroundings. Others in their own world rock back and forth gazing into nothingness, unaware someone eats food spilled on her shaven head.

In that particular orphanage on the Russian border were hundreds of girls crammed into a shower-like room, not one of them with any clothing, slithering on the excrement ridden floor. The girls are trapped behind a chain link cage, nowhere to hide from the noise, stench and flies crawling everywhere. One child had her limbs so mangled from neglect, her leg was wrapped around her head. She slid away from the presence of a nurse, always watching the nurse with a fearful, submissive look.

At feeding time, half the girls are fed a nauseating watery yellowish mush. Many eat with their hands

because though as old as 14 they don't know how to use utensils. The other half are sitting on buckets going to the bathroom ten feet away. The nurses hurry through their chores pouring the food in the open mouths, mouths that make young chicks at feeding time seem patient and content.

There were many instances when boxes of toys, shoes or clothing donated from abroad were sitting unopened in private rooms of these houses while unsuspecting children sit neglected outside the door. "The children will destroy the toys if they get them," said one of the nurses. No explanation was given about the shoes and clothes. The medication most administered are tranquilizers as was evidenced in a cache discovered in an administrator's office.

The children are treated as sub-humans and are slowly turning into such. One boy had cerebral palsy

but was suffering in his crib of malnutrition. He's probably dead now.

There are numerous children in psychiatric divisions who do not belong. One boy was diagnosed as brain damaged. He is bilingual with a speech impediment. Some may physically recover from this ordeal, but will be, if not already, psychologically wasted. Their suffering is so moving because their precious childhood years are wasted.

Those vital formative years of childhood and adolescence have been lost to tranquilizers and the suffocation after being trampled during a sporadic moment of panic in their cells.

Few ever receive any love and nurturing. No hugs, no compassion. They slowly whither away. They show no emotions other than pain and fear. Some are so hoarse from screaming, only a gasp of air floats into oblivion. Other children's cries

are faint peeps. No body hears them. But then again, nothing is done even if they are heard.

If the conditions these dear children are enduring were discovered in one of our animal pounds in the U.S., the shelter would be shut down, the director terminated and the animals transferred to a suitable place. These are sensitive young human beings living in hell and it has to stop. The administrators must be exposed and tried for child abuse and neglect, if not murder.

Write your representatives and comment. Write the Romanian Angel Appeal at P.O. Box 5966, Playa Del Rey, CA 90296. Buy the album "Nobody's child" with songs by the Travelling Wilburys, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Paul Simon and George Harrison, Eric Clapton and Guns n' Roses among others. Proceeds go to the Romanian children's relief.

I feel it necessary to include partial lyrics from a haunting song called "Fade to Black" written by James Hetfield of Metallica off the "Ride the Lightning" album:

*Life it seems, will fade away
Drifting further every day
Getting lost within myself
Nothing matters, no one else
I have lost the will to live
Simply nothing more to give
There is nothing more for me
Need the end to set me free*

*Things not what they used to be
Missing one inside of me
Deathly lost, this can't be real
Cannot stand this hell I feel
Emptiness is filling me
To the point of agony
Growing darkness taking down
I was me, but now he's gone*

How many more Romanian orphans must sing themselves to sleep with this dirge?

cent plus interest.

Now all Germans are one and world apprehension is once again arisen. Nazis, Blitzkrieg, Dachau. Three frightening words from Germany's past. The youth of Germany spit on Nazism. They initiated and passionately embrace the Green movement, now itself a world phenomena.

No, the fear facing German-unity opponents is the sobering fact that Germany has learned their lesson and are glad to let us Americans lag behind in our militaristic stupor. Our "adopt a banana republic friendly to U.S. interests" record is now an embarrassing open fly on the world scene and Germany saw how stupid we insist on making ourselves look. Germany is fed up with military zeal.

Watch out. As we embark on military joyride after joyride, sinking deeper and deeper into debt your bank may soon be bought up by some German Himmelheimer or Uebemann very soon. No, our worries are unwarranted. Let us not fear German unity, let's watch it, study it and learn from it. It's time we shut up our big mouths and start practicing what we preach...peace.

Germany

Do as we say, not as we do

■ **Have the Germans rid themselves of their militaristic past? Who are we to ask?**

By Gregory Creel
el Don Editor in chief

The German people have learned peace the easy way but, many may be disturbed to hear that the easy way was not the American way. Apple pie said to whup 'em into submission, that's the only way to learn 'em. The Germans learned never to piss off the Americans.

For the next 45 years German children learned what it was like to have foreign tanks running through their streets. Idiot yahoos mock strafed villages in Air Force

jets only a few feet from the chimney sweeps. The Germans choked down their sour beer (imagine that, a Kraut choking on beer) they knew it was all a demented consequence of a lesson to be learned. They never winced. They sat and watched and got to thinking; and the thinking paid off.

The Germans now have a nation economically stronger than all but three world nations; the U.S.A., U.S.S.R. and Japan. While the Americans were getting their jollies playing a 45 year long game of G.I. Joe, world do-gooder, the Germans enjoyed the American's fool persistence to foot their military bill. Not too many Germans nowadays think it's important to have a standing army of any substance, and they don't.

A friend of mine in Germany pointed something out really funny a few years ago about the "grave concern" our leaders have that the Germans will again become overly zealous in their military endeavors. "We're

having fun watching you dress up your children in full camouflage dress and your top movies are "Rambo", "Top Gun" and "Iron Eagle." (I thought they were comedies, but some think they're really bitchen.). We both agreed that only one with a warped mind would find pleasure out of watching those Hollywood military-sponsored recruiting ads. If they were condoned by the government, I wouldn't be surprised. They sure are a potent fuel for "America rules" false patriotism. Only one post-war German military movie comes to mind and that's "Das Boot". Not a theme glorifying military adventures.

Americans pump their muscles belching "We're number one!" and other lame-brained slogans and our deficit is what? Trillions? Germany is in the black. Just about every nation owes them. And don't bring up that Marshall Plan generosity nonsense. A lot of Yankee dollars were invested and tripled even before the Germans paid back every

Style

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Interest is Peaking Over a Damn Good Show

By F. Colin Kingston
el Don Staff Writer

While ABC's *Twin Peaks* has earned a reputation among critics and viewers as one of the most innovative and hypnotic programs to come along in television history it has also garnered the standing as one of the most irritating.

With its meandering plot and convoluted characters the series has managed to snowball into a cult phenomena.

Twin Peaks mania is everywhere. So far, the series or its stars have made the cover of *Time*, *Rolling Stone*, *US* and *People* Magazines.

Merchandisers are trying to capitalize on the show's success with a number of products, including a printed copy of the diary of 16 year-old Laura Palmer, written by producer David Lynch's daughter. Also available in stores are the audio tapes from Special Agent Dale Cooper to his unseen secretary Diane. One shop in Farmer's Market in LA is having a *Twin Peaks* cherry pie special every Saturday to coincide with series' new time slot, Saturdays at 10 p.m.

Peak parties are sprouting up all over where fans can imbibe on the show's trademark coffee and "damn good pie," while swapping their own murder theories.

Twin Peaks was created by Hill Street Blues alumni David Frost and film maker/director David Lynch (*Eraserhead*, *Blue Velvet*, *Wild at Heart*). Lynch is the primary reason the show can be so irritating. His sense of reality and fantasy

are interchangeable. How else do you explain Agent Cooper's dream last season which included a midget speaking French BACKWARDS?

Nothing like Lynch's imagination has been seen on television since *The Twilight Zone*. However, the *Twilight Zone* eventually had a point to it. So far, *Twin Peaks* does not. Perhaps that is the point after all. I don't know.

Viewers like myself who tuned in to the two-hour season premiere hoping to find out who killed Laura Palmer were still left wondering. And if the producers aren't careful, the question could soon turn to "who cares who killed Laura Palmer?"

During the season premiere, what 'Peak' fans got, instead of answers, were three additional clues. The clues came from a giant who passed them along to Special Agent Cooper who lay bleeding on his hotel room floor from a gunshot received last season (thanks to his FBI issue bullet proof vest though, he survived.)

But now, murder isn't the only thing happening in the town of *Twin Peaks*. Among other things: the mill has burned down, Nadine tried to commit suicide and is in a coma, a friend of Laura is working undercover at the local brothel (nothing unusual about that you say? The brothel happens to be run by her father.) Speaking of fathers, Laura's father, Leland, has gone off the deep end. His hair turned white after he killed the man he thought murdered his daughter. But, as to who actually killed her, I don't know.

I do know that, despite my frustrations, I will continue to tune in. I guess watching *Twin Peaks* is a lot like banging your head against the wall. It hurts too much when you stop.

So for now, give me another cup of coffee and pass me a piece of "damn good pie."

ON VIDEO

For those who are brave enough to venture further into the slightly askew world of David Lynch a number of his earlier movies are available on video.

"The Elephant Man," set in late Nineteenth Century England chronicles the deeply depressing life of John Merrick who suffered from Neuro-Fibromatosis and because

of his disfiguring disease was subjected to prejudice and intolerance to the point of being treated like "an animal."

"Eraserhead," is a disturbing look at a day in the life of a man named Eraserhead as he plods through the eerie world in which he lives where trash, darkness and depression dominate the mood and landscape.

"Blue Velvet," is a must see for any fan of either Lynch or MacLachlan. In "Blue Velvet," which also stars Isabella Rossellini and Dennis Hopper, Lynch seemed to establish his directorial style of taking seemingly innocent small town settings and exposing their very seedy underbellies.

OVER THE PHONE

Have you missed an episode of *Twin Peaks* and just can't get your life in order since? Do you sit

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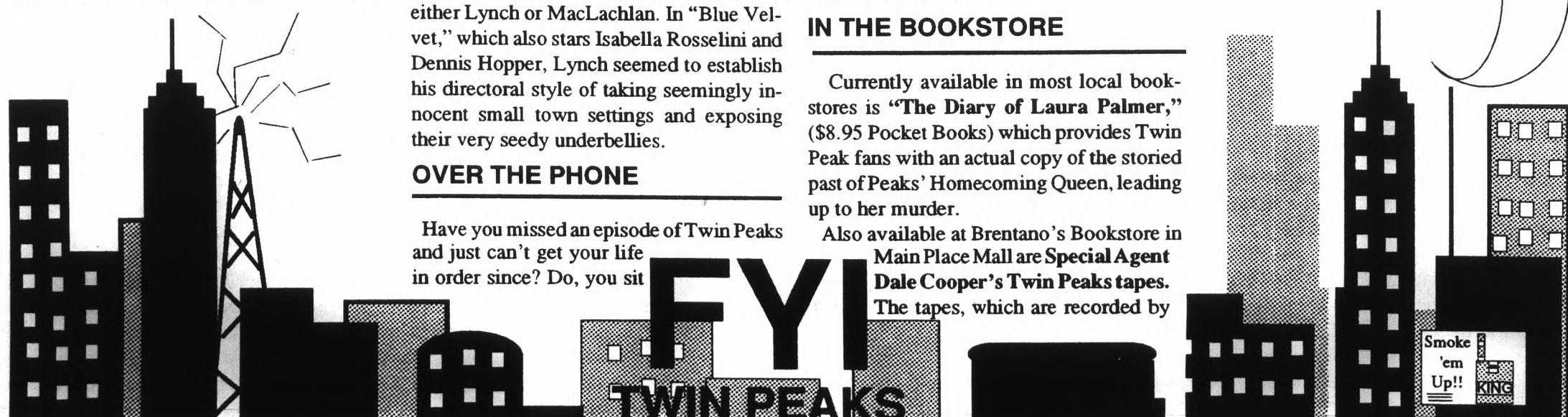
Currently available in most local bookstores is "The Diary of Laura Palmer," (\$8.95 Pocket Books) which provides *Twin Peaks* fans with an actual copy of the storied past of Peaks' Homecoming Queen, leading up to her murder.

Also available at Brentano's Bookstore in Main Place Mall are *Special Agent Dale Cooper's Twin Peaks tapes*. The tapes, which are recorded by

Agent Cooper (Kyle MacLachlan) to his unseen secretary Diane provide fans with information from past episodes as well as some clues not seen on TV.

The tapes retail for \$9.95 and are published by Simon & Schuster.

Compiled by
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Insight

Subliminal messages, racy lyrics open a new can of worms for recording artists

By Loyd Atwood
el Don Staff Writer

Just a few weeks after a Reno, Nevada judge, presiding over the Judas Priest case, absolved the band of any responsibility in the suicide related deaths of two Sparks, Nev. teenagers, the legal system is winding up for another challenge.

This time out, the defendant is Ozzy Osbourne, notorious bat decapitator and former frontman for 'Black Sabbath.' Osbourne is the focus of two separate product-liability cases being considered in a Macon, Ga. federal courtroom.

Osbourne, who saw a similar suit dismissed in California in 1988 when the presiding judge ruled that his music was protected by the First Amendment, said that, "If I see one more case, I'm going

to join them (the victims)."

Similar subliminal cases are being considered in New Jersey, Utah, Michigan, Oregon and Washington. Since the judge in Reno set the precedent that subliminal messages are not protected by the First Amendment, a new can of worms has been opened.

Among the principle legal questions stemming from the Judas Priest trial is the actual effects of subliminal messages. In fact, a recent study has shown that they probably have no effect at all.

Another question: with titles like 'Suicide Solution' and 'Don't Fear the Reaper' why would a subliminal message even be required? In most of these cases, the victims were young lower-middle class boys with previous histories of drug and alcohol abuse

and, as Johnny Rotten said, "No Future." To blame recording artists for sociopathic behavior is ridiculous.

In other news, an all-white jury handed down a guilty verdict in the first conviction for selling an obscene musical work.

Charles Freeman, 31, manager of E-C Records in Fort Lauderdale, was found guilty of the misdemeanor of violating community obscenity standards, when he was arrested two days after a U.S. District Court judge pronounced 2 Live Crew's "As Nasty as They Wanna Be" obscene.

Bruce Rogow, attorney for Freeman, says that they will appeal the conviction. Said Rogow, "This is music from the streets, made by black people, but to this jury of six white people, it came from a foreign country."

With every new movement in music, or culture for that matter, comes a wave of resistance and denial, but the unwillingness of many to accept rap or heavy metal music as a real, vital forms of communication is not necessarily racist or fascistic.

There are many who feel that they have nothing in common with rap, or are turned off by the endless subordination of women and the glorification of the gangster lifestyle. By the same token, countless numbers regard metal as derivative, retrograde and anti-social.

Regardless of its appearance, content or intent, art is precious and answers to no one. As my father used to say, "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen."

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Estrus Crayton

"I really didn't have any records in my mind when I came here. I was more worried about whether I would get to play or to start. I just wanted to play."

Running Man

"I love football, but you can get tired of it sometimes. I'm not tired of it now, but I'm thinking I'll take this next year off and I'll be ready."

By Gregory Creel
el Don Editor in chief

Estrus Crayton, unquestionably one of the best running backs in RSC's 75 year history has racked up some very impressive numbers. Crayton's 20 touchdowns and 126 points scored last year are both RSC and Mission Conference records. Those two numbers already seem to be in jeopardy after four games with his 12 touchdowns.

He is averaging 126.8 yards per game, 5.2 per carry this season and 131.9, 6.1 for the career. His 271 receiving yards leads all Don pass catchers. All these numbers are impressive enough without his latest record breaking feat capturing the RSC career rushing total with still five regular season games remaining. Crayton broke the old record of 1,783 yards in Saturday's loss to Long Beach and the count now stands at 1,847. In gaining 147 more yards, he will be only the seventh running back in Orange County history to gain 2,000 career rushing yards.

Known simply as 'E' to coaches and team mates, Crayton, is a quiet and modest individual, easy to talk to and quick to smile. Though he freely hands out credit to others, he shies away from any publicity concerning himself. He possesses a realistic perspective of the future facing him, a rare quality found in few people his age.

Q: Coming out of Santa Ana High School you knew you had talent. Did you expect to make such an impact at RSC, breaking so many records?

A: I really didn't have any records in my mind when I came here. I was more worried about whether I would get to play or to start. I just wanted to play. The records weren't important.

Q: But it's nice to have them.

A: Man, after every game people always ask 'How many yards?' and this and that but, I'd rather win and then come back to all the records later. I'd do anything to win before any records. Sure it's good to have the records but, I'd rather have the team win first.

Q: One characteristic of your personality is you are a quiet, shy person, and now all the media blitz. How do you deal with the L.A. Times' and the Register's attention?

A: Yeah, like you said, I am a quiet person and I really don't mind talking to the papers and all but I would rather not because to get all the publicity I'm getting, something could go wrong or someone misprints something. That could all come back to me, so I really don't want to mess with the papers too much.

Q: You are known for your rushing capabilities, and that's what comes to people's minds when you're mentioned, but is there something you feel you have that is a particular strength you have that the fans may not notice?

A: I'm an all-around football player. I can catch, throw, run, anything they want. I could even play defense if the coaches wanted me to play defense...

Q: Where on defense would you play, in the secondary?

EL DON SPORTS

INTERVIEW



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A: Yeah, at cornerback. I played cornerback in high school (Note: Crayton was a CIF All-Southern Section defensive back as a senior at Santa Ana High School.)

Q: Is there anything you want to improve upon to make yourself an even better player?

A: Yes, I want to get bigger. I know wherever I go I'm going to have to lift weights. Right now, I say I'm around 190 and wherever I go I want to red-shirt. I know most schools probably won't like that, but I need to lift, sit out a season and get bigger then come back for the next season. I'm thinking it will be better for me too. I love football, but you can get tired of it sometimes. I'm not tired of it now, but I'm thinking I'll take this next year off and I'll be ready... I'll be ready.

Q: So have you come upon any decisions about where you want to transfer to? Would you like to go somewhere in Texas close to your family?

A: I really don't know where I want to go right now. Every time somebody interviews me they always ask me those questions. But I really don't know where I want to go yet.

Q: I remember last year's games against Long Beach and Riverside were very physical, hard hitting games as were this year's games with Long Beach again and El Camino. Does the team, or you personally, enter the game with a different philosophy, as in 'go around them, not through them'?

A: We take those games as we would take any other team. We're just as big as any other team we're playing this year and we aren't afraid of them. We don't try to run around them. We'll run right at them if it's our game plan, but in size, we match up against all those schools. We didn't do anything different against Long Beach or El Camino.

Q: The Dons are accustomed to success but just lost two games in a row. How are the team's spirits?

A: We're not down. Nobody is down. We just had a meeting and the sophomores are going to have to pull the team together. We're going to get back on track. It's not like we're out of anything. We haven't even started our division yet so we're not out. We can play. We have a good team, a good defense, a good offense, our line is good. We have an experienced line. All those guys on the line this year played last year, so there's nothing different about the line only they're better than last year. All those teams we played were good but we should have won (the two games RSC lost).

Q: What is your major?

A: I haven't decided yet. I'm just taking my general education classes, getting them out of the way and I'll just take it from there.

Q: It would be great to have a football career, but what if you suffer a permanent injury?

A: Oh, I don't know if I want to play football. It would be great if I could, you know, getting drafted, but after the first game this year against San Diego Mesa, they were the toughest team we've played this year. They were really hitting and coming after me and after that game I was thinking 'golly, I got nine more games after this. I don't know if I want to do this for the rest of my life.' I was thinking about being a police officer, or I like to work with children. I really don't know what I want to be.

Q: What are some of your other hobbies?

A: I like basketball. I wish I could have tried out for the team but, that's just a hobby. I wouldn't mind playing for the school but, I'll stick with football for now and take it from there.

Q: Any messages for your family in Dallas?

A: Oh yeah, I wish my mom could come out. She's sick right now. She has an ulcer. I wish she could come out and see me play. She's never seen me play football, my aunts and uncles out here see me and my brother has seen me play and my sister has seen me play. She was a cheerleader when I was in junior high. But I want my mother to get better so she can see me play. That's what I want.

Sportsline**TWO WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****TODAY:**

Soccer- RSC at Cypress, 3 p.m.*
Womens Volleyball- RSC at Saddleback, 7 p.m.*
Water Polo- Grossmont at RSC, 3:30 p.m.*
Wrestling- Rio Hondo at RSC 7:30 p.m.*

SATURDAY, OCT. 13:

Football- Pasadena City at RSC, 7 p.m.
Water Polo- Long Beach City Tournament, all day.

MONDAY, OCT. 15:

Soccer- Irvine Valley at RSC, 3 p.m.*

TUESDAY, OCT. 16:

Water Polo- RSC at Orange Coast, 3:30 p.m.*

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17:

Water Polo- Mt. San Antonio at RSC, 3:30 p.m.
Wrestling- Cerritos at RSC, 7:30 p.m.*

FRIDAY, OCT. 19:

Soccer- Riverside at RSC, 3 p.m.*

SATURDAY, OCT. 20:

Cross Country- Cerritos Invitational, all day.
Football- Pasadena City at RSC, 7 p.m.
Wrestling- West Valley Tournament, all day.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23:

Soccer- RSC at Golden West, 3 p.m.*
Water Polo- Cypress at RSC, 3:30 p.m.*

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24:

Womens Volleyball- Golden West at RSC, 7 p.m.*
Wrestling- RSC at Mt. San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.*

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Please, for the sake of education and in order to preserve an atmosphere of academic free thinking do not allow this practice to continue. Young minds are eager to learn and unfortunately can be easily taken advantage of. Now, is the time to draw the line for fair political practices and allow this nation's basic tenet of free elections to proceed, uninhibited or obstructed by political strong arming and undue influence being placed on the students the board and faculty of this institution have pledged to educate.

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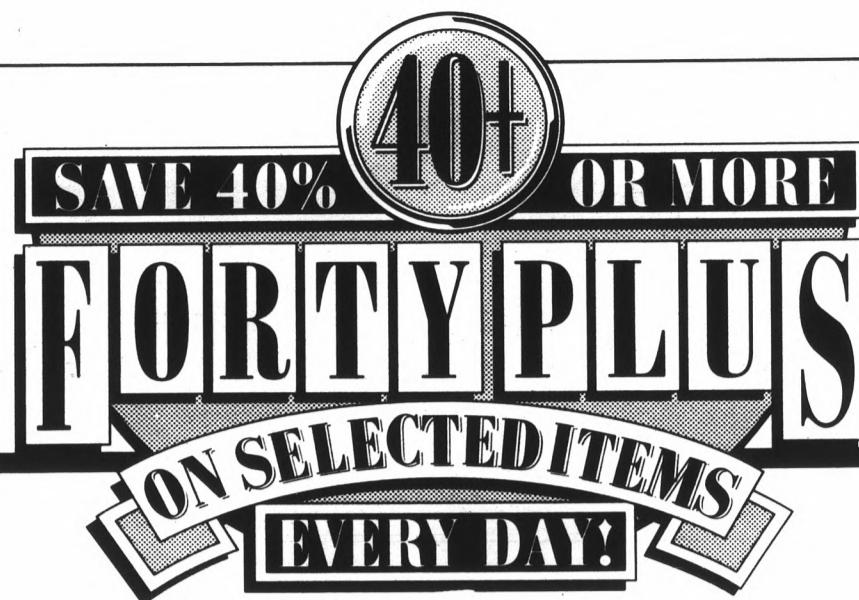
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